hours with American Hair Weaving Technique;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Medical Experts of Governmnt are satisfied with this treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, what action is proposed to be taken against such institutions exploiting the weaknesses of our society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b). There have been advertisements in the media by some private parties regarding treatment of baldness with American Hair Weaving Technique.

(c) and (d). Information is not available regarding efficacy of the technique.

Approval of anti-chicken pox vaccine by U.S. Administration

3862. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware that the U.S. Administration has accorded some approval to first anti-chicken pox vaccine known as 'Varivax';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to have study of this new vaccine for introduction in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WFLFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) of USA has approved the Chicken Pox Vaccine on March 17, 1995. The vaccine is being marketed under the trade name Varivax.

The vaccine was studied for its efficacy on 11,000 subjects and it was found that it is 70 to 90 per cent effective in preventing the disease. -Also, for cases, where the vaccine was not able to prevent Chicken Pox, the subjects got only a very mild form of the disease.

The vaccine has been made using a weakened form of live varicella.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no such proposal.

Celebration of the National measles Immunisation day

3863. SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

SHRI BHAGABAN MAIHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Measles Im munisation day was observed on 16th March, 1995 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and union Territory-wise;

(c) whether measles has been recognised as one of the fatal ailments;

(d) whether any programmes have been undertaken to eradicate this ailment from the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to get affective implementation of these programmes monitored centrally; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. However, as the Holi festival was celebrated on 16th March, 1995, the day was observed on 18th and 19th March, 1995. Government Hospitals and health centres remained upen on this day. Camps were set up in collaboration with Indian Medical Association, Rotary, Lions Club and other voluntary organisations.

(c) to (g) Recognizing the importance of measles as a killer disease, measles vaccine was included in the Universal